

existing or proposed Corporation rules, regulations, guidelines, instructions and policies;

(4) Participating in meetings or serving on committees of bar associations, provided that no recipient resources are used to support prohibited legislative or rulemaking activities and the recipient is not identified with activities of bar associations that include such prohibited activities;

(5) Advising a client of the client's right to communicate directly with an elected official; or

(6) Participating in activity related to the judiciary, including the promulgation of court rules, rules of professional responsibility and disciplinary rules.

**§ 1612.6 Permissible activities using non-LSC funds.**

(a) If the conditions of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section are met, recipients and their employees may use non-LSC funds to respond to a written request from a governmental agency or official thereof, elected official, legislative body, committee, or member thereof made to the employee, or to a recipient to—

(1) Testify orally or in writing;

(2) Provide information which may include analysis of or comments upon existing or proposed rules, regulations or legislation, or drafts of proposed rules, regulations or legislation;

(3) Testify before or make information available to commissions, committees or advisory bodies; or

(4) Participate in negotiated rulemaking under the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990, 5 U.S.C. 561 *et seq.*, or comparable State or local laws.

(b) Communications made in response to requests under paragraph (a) may be distributed only to the party or parties that make the request or to other persons or entities only to the extent that such distribution is required to comply with the request.

(c) No employee of the recipient shall solicit or arrange a request from any official to testify or otherwise provide information in connection with legislation or rulemaking.

(d) Recipients shall maintain copies of all written requests received by the recipient and written responses made

in response thereto and make such requests and written responses available to monitors and other representatives of the Corporation upon request.

(e) Recipients may provide oral or written comment to an agency and its staff in a public rulemaking proceeding using non-LSC funds.

(f) Recipients may use non-LSC funds to contact or communicate with, or respond to a request from, a State or local government agency, a State or local legislative body or committee, or a member thereof, regarding funding for the recipient, including a pending or proposed legislative or agency proposal to fund such recipient.

**§ 1612.7 Public demonstrations and activities.**

(a) During working hours, while providing legal assistance or representation to the recipient's clients or while using resources provided by the Corporation or by private entities, no employee of a recipient shall—

(1) Participate in any public demonstration, picketing, boycott, or strike, except as permitted by law in connection with the employee's own employment situation; or

(2) Encourage, direct, or coerce others to engage in such activities.

(b) No employee of a recipient shall at any time engage in or encourage others to engage in any:

(1) Rioting or civil disturbance;

(2) Activity determined by a court to be in violation of an outstanding injunction of any court of competent jurisdiction; or

(3) Other illegal activity that is inconsistent with an employee's responsibilities under applicable law, Corporation regulations, or the rules of professional responsibility of the jurisdiction where the recipient is located or the employee practices law.

(c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an attorney from—

(1) Informing and advising a client about legal alternatives to litigation or the lawful conduct thereof; or

(2) Taking such action on behalf of a client as may be required by professional responsibilities or applicable law of any State or other jurisdiction.